

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

Claims 2-24 were pending in this Application. In this Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 24 and have not canceled or added any claims. Accordingly, claims 2-24 will still be pending upon entry of this Amendment.

In the Office Action mailed March 3, 2009, the Examiner allowed claims 21 and 22, and indicated that claims 2-20 and 23-24 would be allowable if amended to overcome rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, concerning matters of antecedent basis. Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's indication of allowed and allowable claims.

Consistent with Examiner's indication, Applicants have amended claims 2, 8, 10, 12, and 13 to address the matters of antecedent basis raised by the Examiner. Specifically, Applicants have added language to claims 2, 8, 10, 12, and 13 providing antecedent bases for "the hopping frequencies" and "the clustering."

Applicants have also amended claim 13 to change "the operation frequencies" to -- operation frequencies-- to indicate the first instance of the use of that term according to proper antecedent basis. Applicants have made a similar change to claim 15.

Applicants have also amended claims 2, 7, 8, 10, 12, and 23 to correct other matters of antecedent basis.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-20 and 23-24 now comply with § 112 and are in condition for allowance, in addition to allowed claims 22 and 24.

In view of the foregoing all, of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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